GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND OF INDIAN WORKERS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign countries have shown interest in calling labourers from India for their manufacturing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a), (b) & (c) The Ministry was approached by the Government of Poland for developing a framework to facilitate migration of Indian workers for contractual employment in construction, road-building and agriculture. MOIA welcomed the initiative to expand the overseas employment market for Indian workers and to evolve a model for bilateral cooperation for managed legal migration of workers. A draft MOU was sent to the Polish Government with a request for negotiation. The response of the Polish Government is awaited.